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MINK PRODUCTION – 2017

UTAH HIGHLIGHTS

In 2017, mink pelt production in Utah totaled 734,260 pelts. The number of pelts by color class as a percent of the State total is as follows: Mahogany at 39 percent and Black at 38 percent. The remaining color classes accounted for 23 percent.

Female mink bred to produce kits in 2018 totaled 161,900. Percent of total females bred to produce kits in 2018 by color class is as follows: Black at 39 percent and Mahogany at 35 percent. The remaining color classes accounted for 26 percent.

UNITED STATES HIGHLIGHTS

Mink pelt production in the United States in 2017 totaled 3.31 million pelts, down 4 percent from 2016. Wisconsin, the largest mink producing State, produced 1.09 million pelts. Utah, the second largest producing State, produced 734 thousand pelts

The number of pelts by color class as a percent of the total United States production in 2017 is as follows: Black at 50 percent, Mahogany at 19 percent, White at 7 percent, and Blue Iris and Sapphire at 6 percent. The remaining color classes accounted for 12 percent.

Value of pelts produced during the 2017 crop year was $120 million, slightly above a year ago. The average price per pelt for the 2017 crop year was $36.30, up $1.60 from $34.70 in 2016.

Female mink bred to produce kits in 2018 totaled 731 thousand, down 5 percent from the previous year. Percent of total females bred to produce kits in 2018 by color class as is follows: Black at 50 percent, Mahogany at 18 percent, White at 7 percent, and Blue Iris and Sapphire at 6 percent. The remaining classes accounted for 13 percent.

For a full copy of the *Mink* report please visit www.nass.usda.gov.